

**ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 466 of 1988**

**287.720 Official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official certificate of veterinary inspection; forwarding of certificate to state veterinarian; slaughter of imported livestock.**

Sec. 20. (1) An official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection shall be prepared and signed by an accredited veterinarian in the state of origin for animals requiring such a certificate and being imported into this state or being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state. An official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection for animals being imported to or exported from this state or being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state when required shall include all of the following:

(a) The complete names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and the destination address if different from the consignee address.

(b) A description of the animals by breed, sex, and age, and a signed certification by the consignor that the animals in the shipment are those described on the certificate. The director may require that certain classifications of animals be individually officially identified by ear tag, tattoo, brand, or registration number.

(c) The date of examination of the animals by the accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate.

(d) The intended use of the livestock, including use for dairy, breeding, feeding or grazing, or immediate slaughter.

(e) The health status of the animals by recording the results of the required tests, required vaccinations, and any other data concerning the health of the animals including herd or state disease-free status. The accredited veterinarian preparing the certificate shall certify that the animals are free from clinical signs of infectious, contagious, or toxicological diseases.

(f) The prior entry permit issued by the director, if a prior entry permit is required.

(2) A copy of the official interstate or intrastate health certificate or official interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection for livestock being exported from this state or for livestock being moved from 1 premises to another premises within this state shall be forwarded by the issuing accredited veterinarian to the state veterinarian within 10 working days after the date of issuance.

(3) Livestock delivered directly to a slaughter plant shall be slaughtered within 5 days except for swine which shall be slaughtered within 48 hours. Livestock for slaughter delivered to a livestock auction market as defined in 1937 PA 284, MCL 287.121 to 287.131, shall be slaughtered within 10 days.

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